

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

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CHAIR OF MIDWIFERY

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TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE RICHARD ASSHETON CROSS, M.P.,
HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I beg most respectfully to offer myself as a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, rendered vacant by the death of Professor Inglis.

In support of my application for said office, I have the honour to submit to your notice various evidences of my qualifications, consisting, first, of Testimonials from Gentlemen distinguished more particularly in the walk of Obstetrics and Gynæcology—Professors and others at home and abroad; secondly, of a List of my Published Works on Midwifery, Diseases of Women, Materia Medica, and other departments of Medicine.

Before doing so, however, I may state that, since I entered on the practice of my profession in 1860 (which I did after a successful student career, as evidenced by my having been Medallist in Chemistry, Materia Medica, Physiology, Medical Jurisprudence, Practice of Medicine, and Midwifery), I have devoted very special attention to the Practice of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women. I have personally attended nearly 3000 cases of Midwifery, and have had the honour of being consulted by brethren, in this city and elsewhere, in numerous

cases of difficult Midwifery, some of them demanding the greatest experience and the highest manipulative skill.

Although much engrossed with private practice, I continued to attend, from year to year, at the Ward set apart for Diseases of Women in our Hospital here, under the late Sir James Simpson, and assisted him in not a few of his more important operations.

For several years I taught the Pharmacy Class at the New Town Dispensary, where I was accustomed to deal with a great variety of medical students; and as proof of the manner in which I discharged my duties while holding the appointment, I beg to annex an extract from the *Daily Review* of 22nd July, 1869:—"Dr. Cowan, in presenting a valuable service of plate to Dr. MILNE, in behalf of the students at the New Town Dispensary, said that he held in his hand letters from numerous gentlemen, some of them in remote parts, expressing their admiration of Dr. MILNE's merits and abilities. As for himself, he had heard but one opinion expressed, and that was that Dr. MILNE had ever proved an able and careful instructor, and a kind and steadfast friend. Many of them owed him a debt of gratitude, both for his teaching and his able and useful medical writings. . . . He could truly assure him that he had made many warm friends, and not a single enemy, so far as he was aware," &c., &c.

In January last I had the honour of being elected a Corresponding Member of the Gynæcological Society of Berlin—an honour bestowed only on those who have attained distinction in Obstetrics and Gynæcology. Three years ago, I was elected a Corresponding Member of the Gynæcological Society of Boston, U.S.—a Society having the best reputation of any in America. Two years ago, I was elected one of the Secretaries of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, the oldest of the

kind in Britain—a Society strictly devoted to the advancement of Obstetrics and Diseases of Women, and counting among its Fellows the most eminent Professors, Authors, and Teachers at home and abroad. Several years ago, I visited some of the more important Medical Schools of the Continent, confining my attention exclusively to the specialty of Midwifery and Gynæcology.

Should I have the good fortune to obtain from the Crown the honourable appointment to which I aspire, I need hardly say that I shall devote my best energies to the faithful discharge of the duties of the Chair, and help so far as in me lies to maintain and extend the fame of the University of Aberdeen.

I have the honour to remain,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER MILNE.



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WORKS, MEMOIRS, AND PAPERS

BY

DR. ALEXANDER MILNE.

THE following is a list of the more important Works, &c., of the Author, some smaller Papers not being included :—

1. “The Principles and Practice of Midwifery, with the Diseases of Women.” Pp. 650, with numerous Cuts.

This work has been very favourably received in this country and abroad, and is recommended as a text-book by many Professors and Teachers, including the foremost men in London.

As an indication of how it was received by the Medical Journals, I beg to subjoin a few extracts from the criticisms passed on it by the *Lancet*, a professional journal, acknowledged to be the most influential in this country :—

From the “LANCET,” 22nd July, 1871.—“Dr. Milne’s work is original, and contains a fair account of the present state of the art and science of Midwifery, adapted alike to students and practitioners. Dr. Milne has contrived to condense into his work a great amount of obstetric doctrine, both physiological and pathological, and to criticise it practically in the light of anatomical and physiological facts, and of an amount of practice in the art of midwifery, and of its difficult parts. The author displays a great knowledge of obstetric literature in all its branches, and at the same time speaks with the discrimination of a practitioner. . . . There are seventy-three chapters in the book, but these are neither long nor exhausting ; and it is difficult to find the author overlooking any subject, or any material point of importance in connection with it. The therapeutics of the book are modern. The work, also, is a comprehensive one, and treats of the anatomy of the pelvis, the physiology of the uterine system, natural labour, and all varieties and complications of labour ; of puerperal diseases, and of the principal diseases of women that are not puerperal. We recommend the work,” &c., &c.

2. "A Manual of Materia Medica and Therapeutics." Pp. 250.

This work has also been well received ; two editions have been sold out, and a third is in preparation.

3. "Posological Tables, for the Use of Students and Others."

This work has run through several editions.

4. "On the Comparative Value of the Long Forceps and Version in Contracted Pelvis."

5. "Craniotomy and Cephalotripsy Contrasted."

6. "On Placenta Prævia."

7. "On Retroversion of the Gravid Uterus, with Cases."

8. "Remarks on Version, with Cases."

9. "Further Remarks on Version. With Details of Difficult Cases in which the Author had been consulted by Professional Brethren."

10. "On the Relation of Ruptured Perineum to Prolapsus Uteri."

11. "On the Treatment of Cancer of the Uterus by Means of Ergot and Escharotics."

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13. "On the Occasional Arrestive and Discutient Influence of Pregnancy over Pelvi-abdominal Tumours."

14. "Cases of Imperforate Anus."

15. "Apomorphia in Rigidity of the Os Uteri."

16. "On the Combined Method of Version (Hicks' Plan), with Cases."

N O T E.



DR. MILNE desires to state that the translation of his Foreign Testimonials was rendered by Mr. SCHENCK, Teacher of Modern Languages (and a native of Germany), North Castle Street, who was instructed to give as literal a one as possible. Dr. MILNE mentions this, as he thinks that the insertion of the original Testimonials would have served but to encumber the pages.

Dr. MILNE further wishes to state that, in collecting Testimonials, he has applied almost exclusively to those who are engaged either in the teaching or the practice of the specialty of Midwifery. Had he deviated from this rule to any extent, he could have vastly increased the number of his Testimonials from men of eminence, but who were without the special knowledge required to stamp these with value.

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I.

*From J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E.,
Lecturer on Midwifery ; Physician to the Royal Infirmary ; Author of numerous works on Obstetrics and Gynæcology ; President of the Obstetrical Society, &c., &c.*

30 CHARLOTTE SQUARE, EDINBURGH,
18th March, 1875.

I HAVE pleasure in certifying that I am well acquainted with Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE.

He has devoted himself for several years past to the study and practice of midwifery and the diseases of women and children, and has acquired unusually extensive knowledge and experience in these branches of medical science and art.

His acquirements and zeal as an Obstetrician and Gynæcologist have won him several honourable distinctions. He is a Secretary of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, and a Corresponding Member of the Gynæcological Society of Berlin.

Dr. MILNE has published a Manual of the Principles and Practice of Midwifery, which is itself sufficient to attest the qualities spoken of in this Testimonial. Besides, it gives evidence of much erudition and literary power. I understand that it is in some quarters used by teachers as a text-book.

I have no knowledge of Dr. MILNE's qualifications as a Teacher, but I have repeatedly heard him address the Obstetrical Society with ease, fluency, and distinctness. Moreover, he writes journalistic articles in an easy readable style.

I consider him well qualified for the office of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

J. MATTHEWS DUNCAN.

II.

From the late SIR JAMES Y. SIMPSON,* Bart., D.C.L., M.D.,
*Professor of Medicine and Midwifery in the University
 of Edinburgh, &c., &c.*

52 QUEEN STREET,
 15th March, 1870.

DR. ALEXANDER MILNE is personally known to me as a Practitioner of very high character and attainments.

It affords me great gratification to express the high opinion I have, not only of his practical acquaintance with the obstetric department of our art, but also of his extensive knowledge of its literature, to which he has already made many valuable contributions. I am certain that he would reflect credit on any appointment where such qualifications were of value.

J. Y. SIMPSON.

* This Testimonial was given to me by the late lamented physician when I was a Candidate for an Examinership in the University of London, four years ago—in fact, within a very short period of his death. I have thought it quite proper to reproduce it on the present occasion.

III.

From GRAILY HEWITT, Esq., M.D., *Professor of Midwifery in University College, and Obstetric Physician to University College, London; President of the London Obstetrical Society, Examiner in Midwifery to the University of London; Author of an able work on Diseases of Women, &c., &c.*

36 BERKELEY SQUARE, LONDON,
20th March, 1875.

MY knowledge of Dr. ALEX. MILNE, derived from the perusal of his standard work on Midwifery, and his other writings on various subjects of an allied character, enables me to say that I consider him a most eligible Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery at the University of Aberdeen. Dr. MILNE is evidently a careful observer. He is certainly a very lucid writer, and his opportunities for the acquirement of knowledge in all that relates to obstetrics, which have been very great, have been utilised by him in a manner which shows him to be possessed of those qualities which are essential to the proper fulfilment of the duties of a Public Teacher on such an important subject as Midwifery. Dr. MILNE'S talents are recognised by a wide circle of professional friends, and I have, for my own part, no hesitation in expressing my belief that he would perform the duties of the appointment at Aberdeen in a most efficient and zealous manner.

GRAILY HEWITT.

IV.

From ALEX. R. SIMPSON, Professor of Midwifery and Medicine, University of Edinburgh; ex-Vice-President Obstetrical Society, Physician to the Royal Infirmary, &c.

52 QUEEN STREET, EDINBURGH,
18th March, 1875.

ALTHOUGH I have already given a testimonial to another candidate for the Professorship of Midwifery in Aberdeen University, I can have no hesitation in expressing my opinion that Dr. MILNE has very high qualifications for such a position.

He is well versed in various departments of Medicine, and is the author of an excellent work on *Materia Medica*. But his special claim for the vacant Chair rests on the zeal and success with which he has cultivated the departments which fall within its province. His text-book on Midwifery contains the clearest proof of his intimate acquaintance with the subject; and he is well known as one of the clearest and most effective speakers in the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, to whose transactions he has contributed able and original communications on various questions in obstetrics and gynæcology.

He has had much to do with students in connection with his dispensary work, and I have invariably heard him spoken of by his pupils with much appreciation.

If Dr. MILNE were appointed to the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, the members of the medical profession in that city would have cause to hail the introduction among them of an agreeable fellow-practitioner, and of a counsellor in cases of emergency of large experience and of great sagacity and skill.

ALEX. R. SIMPSON.

v.

From ANGUS MACDONALD, M.A. Abred., M.D. Edin.,
F.R.C.P.E., F.R.S.E., *Vice-President of the Obstetrical
Society of Edinburgh; Lecturer on Midwifery and
Diseases of Women and Children, Medical School,
Edinburgh; Physician-Accoucheur N. T. Dispensary,
Edinburgh.*

29 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
18th March, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing my testimony to the high position which Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE holds as an Obstetrician and Gynæcologist.

His own published works and writings form the best proof of his acquaintance with the literature of these departments of medicine.

I therefore content myself by stating that I know Dr. MILNE to be possessed of great practical and operative skill and ability, which he has matured by large and exceedingly varied experience.

Besides this, Dr. MILNE is devotedly fond of Midwifery, and has laboured with much zeal and success in its advancement and improvement.

He is also able to express himself with readiness, force, and fluency, whether by tongue or pen, and is possessed of great energy of character.

In short, I regard him as eminently qualified for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, and as certain, if appointed to that office, to discharge its duties with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of all concerned.

ANGUS MACDONALD.

VI.

From J. BRAXTON HICKS, Esq., M.D. Lond., F.R.S., Lecturer on Obstetrics and Physician-Accoucheur at Guy's Hospital; Examiner in Midwifery at University of London; ex-President Obstetrical Society of London.

24 GEORGE STREET, HANOVER SQUARE,
LONDON, 18th March, 1875.

DR. ALEXANDER MILNE has been known to me many years by his published works, as well as by his private communications on professional subjects, all of which are of a high order. I know him to be a physician of independent, vigorous thought, and large knowledge of the various subjects connected with the obstetric branch of the profession. He is excellently fitted for a Lecturer upon Obstetrics, and I sincerely hope he will succeed in obtaining the post to which he worthily aspires.

J. BRAXTON HICKS.

VII.

From PATRICK HERON WATSON, M.D., F.R.C.S., Lecturer on Surgery; Surgeon to the Royal Infirmary, and to Chalmers' Hospital, &c.

16 CHARLOTTE SQUARE,
EDINBURGH, 16th March, 1875.

DR. A. MILNE has been well known to me since the commencement of his professional career as a very zealous and diligent practitioner, devoting his energies with much success to the practice of the department of our profession connected with childbed and the diseases of women and children.

There are, I fancy, few men who have had larger experience than he has enjoyed in these matters, or who has expended so much time and pains in making himself master of their practical details.

Dr. MILNE has not, however, been content with mere practical experience; he has, besides, formulated his knowledge laboriously, so as to have it available for purposes of teaching this department of practice as a lecturer.

It is not for me to speak of the character of that accumulated store of practical knowledge and erudition. His work upon the subject of Midwifery, consisting of mere notes of his greater labours, is well known far beyond the confines of his own country, and has gained for him a most enviable reputation as an accomplished writer, sound teacher, and able expounder of his views. He is further possessed of that enthusiasm which enlists every one with whom he comes in contact with a fresh interest in his work, a quality invaluable for a teacher.

Dr. MILNE is in my opinion possessed of those qualities, personal and professional, of that experience in practice, and of those literary qualifications which entitle him most properly to come forward as a candidate for the vacant Chair of Midwifery in Aberdeen.

PATRICK HERON WATSON.

VIII.

*From W. SHARPEY, Esq., M.D., Secretary of Royal Society,
F.R.S.E., Professor of Physiology, University College.*

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
LONDON, *March*, 1875.

HAVING been requested by Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE to speak as to his fitness to occupy the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, I beg leave to say that, as I am

but little conversant with the branch of medicine in question, I am unable to offer an opinion founded on special knowledge. Nevertheless I may state that from what I know of Dr. MILNE'S published writings I judge him to be a man of much ability and mental activity, well acquainted with the literature of his subject, and one who has had very considerable experience as a practising and consulting Obstetrician, all which qualifications are eminently entitled to consideration by the authorities with whom the appointment rests.

W. SHARPEY.

IX.

From ROBERT BARNES, Esq., M.D. Lond., *Fellow and late Lumleian Lecturer, Royal College of Physicians; Obstetric Physician and Lecturer on Obstetrics, St. Thomas' Hospital; Examiner to the University of London, and the Royal College of Surgeons; Author of valuable standard works on Obstetrics and Gynecology.*

31 GROSVENOR STREET,
19th March, 1875.

DEAR DR. MILNE,—I am very pleased to hear you are a Candidate for the Obstetric Professorship at Aberdeen. You have given more than sufficient proof of your fitness to fill this distinguished office with credit. Your text-book on Midwifery is solid and instructive, and I have felt it my duty to recommend it to my class. With all good wishes, believe me, yours truly,

ROBERT BARNES.

X.

From GEORGE H. KIDD, Esq., M.D., *Fellow and Member of Council of the Royal College of Surgeons, Ireland; ex-President of the Obstetrical and Pathological Societies of Dublin; ex-Examiner to the Queen's University and College of Surgeons, Ireland; Obstetric Surgeon to Coombe Lying-in Hospital; Member of numerous Foreign Learned Societies.*

30 MERRION SQUARE,
DUBLIN, 19th March, 1875.

DR. ALEXANDER MILNE is well known to the teachers of Midwifery as the author of a very excellent class-book on the Principles and Practice of Midwifery. Dr. MILNE has also contributed to the Journals many valuable original papers on various subjects connected with obstetric medicine. Dr. MILNE'S zeal and industry in research, his lucid and agreeable mode of conveying information, and impressing it on the minds of his hearers by an apt quotation, prove him to be well suited for a Chair of Midwifery, and should make him a most successful and popular Teacher.

GEORGE H. KIDD.

XI.

From DR. CARL HENNIG, *Professor and State-Examiner in Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, University of Leipsig.*

LEIPSIG, 13th May, 1874.

DR. MILNE, at Edinburgh, known through his Manual of Materia Medica and Therapeutics, and by his Obstetric and

Gynæcological articles in the Journals, has furnished to me an opportunity to peruse his work which appeared some time ago.

I find this book suitably arranged, in conformity with the newest state of our science, and marked by an exposition and style which leads the student rapidly into the very heart of Midwifery; which guards him against prejudice, and leaves a most solid impression of the very important subjects (or objects) of our special branch.

I consider, therefore, Dr. MILNE to be an able and unbiassed Teacher, and with experience amply sufficient to enable him to be a safe guide, and to occupy well any Chair of Midwifery.

CARL HENNIG.

XII.

From ROBERT GREENHALGH, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., *Lecturer on Midwifery and Diseases of Women at St. Bartholomew's Hospital; Consulting Physician to the City of London Lying-in, Samaritan's, and St. Saviour's Hospitals, &c., &c.*

LONDON, 18th March, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in stating that Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE is well and favourably known to me by his work on the Principles and Practice of Midwifery, and by his other contributions to medical literature. Dr. MILNE has had large practical experience in midwifery, which he has obviously turned to good account, and thereby thoroughly fitted himself for a Teacher of Obstetrics.

ROBERT GREENHALGH.

XIII.

From Baron von SCANZONI, Royal Bavarian Privy Councillor and Professor of Medicine, &c., at Würzburg; Commander of the Imperial Order of St. Ann of Russia; Knight of the Royal Order of Merit of the Bavarian Crown, &c., &c.

WURZBURG, 23rd April, 1874.

ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE,—It is with pleasure that I accede to your request of 20th curt., and declare herewith that I have known you, through your writings especially, as a Gynæcologist of high scientific standing and of first-rate practical acquirements. I have the firm conviction that you will fill any Chair of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women and Children to the entire satisfaction of your pupils, and the gratifying success of the science.

You are welcome to make any use you think proper of these lines; and, with known collegial esteem, I am, yours most obediently,

BARON VON SCANZONI.

XIV.

From J. R. HARVEY, Esq., A.B., M.D., Professor of Medicine in Queen's College, Cork; Consulting Physician South Charitable Infirmary and County Hospital; Senior Physician to the Lying-in Hospital.

ST. PATRICK'S PLACE,
CORK, 17th March, 1875.

DEAR SIR,—Understanding that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery of Aberdeen, I can have no hesitation

in conveying to you the expression of my opinion that you are highly qualified for the post you aspire to.

My only means of arriving at that opinion is my knowledge of your professional writings. These, however, evidence a great and successful industry in the collection of a large body of facts and experience on which to found your teaching, and a happy method of communicating your knowledge, both practical and theoretical. In addition to these, I may notice your full appreciation of the vast advances in the saving of human life which are now daily being made in our special branch of the healing art, by the substitution of an enlightened and judicious activity in the management of labours in the place of a timidity and expectancy which had too long characterised the practice of obstetricians.—I am, dear Sir, yours very truly,

J. R. HARVEY.

XV.

From PROFESSOR CHARLES HECKER, *University of Munich,*
Author of important Obstetric Works, and Member of
various Learned Societies.

(*Translation.*)

MUNICH, 14th May, 1874.

YOUR work on the Principles and Practice of Midwifery and the Diseases of Women I have read, and it proves you to be a master in these departments. Same time, it is an *unright* thing that said work does not establish your competency without evidence from me, or such as me. In our country, a work such as yours is quite sufficient to fix a man's position, and I can only regret that it is not yet the same in yours. Receive the assurance of my particular esteem,

PROFESSOR DR. HECKER.

XVI.

From J. HALL DAVIS, Esq., M.D., Fellow of the Royal College of Physicians, London; Lecturer on Obstetrics and Physician Middlesex Hospital, &c., &c.

24 HARLEY STREET, CAVENDISH SQUARE,
LONDON, 18th March, 1875.

HAVING heard that Dr. ALEX. MILNE is about to become a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, I am glad to be able to state that he is favourably known to me through his valuable work on Obstetrics, which presents the fruits of his practical experience during many years. I gather from my perusal of that work that Dr. MILNE is peculiarly well qualified to fulfil the duties of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, and I shall be glad to hear that the choice has fallen upon him.

J. HALL DAVIS.

XVII.

From Professor PAJOT, of the Faculty of Medicine of Paris; Professor of Midwifery and Gynæcology; Member of the Legion of Honour, &c., &c.

(Translation.)

PARIS, May, 1874.

HONOURED COLLEAGUE,—I am happy to testify to you the esteem in which I hold you on account of your scientific labours in our common department. Your larger work shows you to possess a most extensive acquaintance with midwifery, theoretically and practically, and proves your fitness for a Chair of Midwifery.

PROF. PAJOT.

XVIII.

From Professor SCHROEDER, Professor of Midwifery in the University of Erlangen, and Author of about the best Continental Manual of Obstetrics.

(Translation.)

ERLANGEN, *December, 1874.*

MUCH ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE,—Thanking you warmly for your enclosure, it gives me real pleasure to have an opportunity of expressing to you by letter the high degree of appreciation which you have gained by your scientific labours.

I have followed constantly with attention your articles in the *Edinburgh Medical Journal*, &c., and sincerely rejoiced on the industry and success with which you prosecuted our mutual science.

Expressing this with pleasure, I sign with real esteem,
yours most obediently,

DR. SCHROEDER.

XIX.

From J. THORBURN, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women, Owen's College, Manchester; Obstetric Physician, Manchester Royal Infirmary, &c., &c.

333 BRIGHTON PLACE, OXFORD STREET,
MANCHESTER, *17th March, 1875.*

I HAVE for some time been acquainted with Dr. MILNE'S work on Midwifery. As a teacher of the same subject, I know the amount of labour and special work required to produce such a text-book. Judging from this, from various papers of Dr. MILNE, and from the amount of practical obstetrical work which he has accomplished, I have no hesi-

tation in saying, although I am not personally acquainted with him, that he ought to be highly qualified for the position of Teacher of Midwifery in any school of medicine.

J. THORBURN.

XX.

From Professor MATTEI, D.M.S., Professor of Midwifery in Paris; Member of many Learned Societies, and a Distinguished Author.

(Translation.)

PARIS, May, 1874,
RUE THERESE 4.

SIR AND HONOURED COLLEAGUE,—I learn with pleasure that you are a Candidate for a Chair of Midwifery. Your work on Obstetrics and Diseases of Women, not less than your Manual of Materia Medica and numerous other memoirs, give you the right to it; but in an especial manner does your obstetric work attest a judgment and a knowledge which are great and valuable, and must be professionally appreciated. I do not say this much because you happen to quote me, but because your work is such an excellent *résumé* of the actual state of the science, and so concentrated and practical. I beg of you to accept of my wishes for your success and of my kindest regards.

MATTEI.

XXI.

From J. H. PATTISON, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P., ex-President of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society; Examiner Royal College of Physicians, Edinburgh, &c.

26 LONDON STREET, EDINBURGH,
18th March, 1875.

I HAVE pleasure in stating that I have known Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE for a number of years as an able Obstetric

Practitioner. The papers he has read at the Obstetrical Society have evinced great research and original observation. His work on Obstetrics, including Diseases of Women, holds a very high place, and is full of practical instructions alike for juniors and seniors. I am of opinion that he is well worthy of the Chair at Aberdeen, and that, if appointed, he will reflect credit on himself and confer benefit on the students under him.

J. H. PATTISON.

XXII.

*From WILLIAM CRAIG, M.D., C.M., F.R.S.E., F.R.S.C. Edin.,
Lecturer on Materia Medica in the Edinburgh School
of Medicine, &c.*

7 LOTHIAN ROAD, EDINBURGH,
17th March, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in highly recommending Dr. ALEX. MILNE for the vacant Professorship of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. Dr. MILNE is well known to me as a distinguished Obstetrician, and is well qualified to fill a Professorial Chair. For several years he has devoted himself specially to Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children, and has proved himself a skilful practitioner, and a dexterous operator. I have on several occasions seen him operate in difficult cases of labour, and always most successfully. He has written many valuable papers on obstetrical subjects, and is the author of a Manual of Midwifery.

It is within my knowledge that Dr. MILNE for several years has been preparing himself for a Professorship of Midwifery, and if successful on this occasion, I feel confident he will prove a worthy successor of the distinguished men who have been Professors of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

WILLIAM CRAIG.

XXIII.

*From Professor T. GAILLARD THOMAS, of New York, Author
of Standard Works on Obstetrics and Gynæcology.*

296 5TH AVENUE, NEW YORK,
May, 1874.

UNDERSTANDING that Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE is making application for a Chair of Midwifery, it gives me great pleasure to testify to his eminent fitness for the position.

Dr. MILNE has made himself well known in America by his able contributions to the department with which he has identified himself, and I feel sure that his appointment to a University Chair will be very favourably received here.—
Yours respectfully,

T. GAILLARD THOMAS.

XXIV.

*From Dr. A. B. STEELE, Physician to the Lying-in Hospital;
Lecturer on Obstetrics in the Liverpool Infirmary School
of Medicine, &c., &c.*

LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY SCHOOL OF MEDICINE,
19th March, 1875.

DEAR SIR,—Although unknown to you personally, I have sufficient evidence, from the perusal of your published works on obstetric subjects, to justify me in expressing my opinion as to your qualification and competency to fill the office of Lecturer on Midwifery in a University or School of Medicine. Wishing you every success, believe me, dear Sir, yours faithfully,

A. B. STEELE.

XXV.

From F. C. FAYE, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women and Children at the University of Norway; First Physician to the Maternity Hospital, and Director of the Midwifery School, Christiania.

CHRISTIANIA, 28th April, 1874.

IT is with great satisfaction that I, according to my knowledge of his writings on Obstetrics, express the decided personal opinion that Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE has distinguished himself greatly as a learned and experienced Obstetrician, and it is with this estimate of him that I grant him this testimonial, and expect that he shall be an eminent Professor.

F. C. FAYE.

XXVI.

From FORDYCE BARKER, M.D., Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the Bellevue Hospital, New York; Author of Standard Works on Diseases of Women, &c.

85 MADISON AVENUE,
NEW YORK, 20th May, 1874.

I am most happy to say that Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE of Edinburgh is most favourably known to the profession in this country by his various contributions on obstetrical and gynæcological subjects to medical journals, by his work on the "Principles and Practice of Midwifery," and by his connection with the Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh.

If he is as original and attractive as a lecturer as he is as a writer, he must add greatly to the popularity of a Medical School as a Professor of Midwifery.

FORDYCE BARKER.

XXVII.

From Dr. WINCKEL, Court Counsellor, formerly Professor of Midwifery, University of Rostock, now Principal of the Royal Saxon Maternity Hospital at Dresden.

(Translation.)

DRESDEN, May, 1874.

SEMINAR STRASSE 6.

ESTEEMED COLLEAGUE,—I very gladly testify that I consider you a very experienced and able Obstetrician and Gynæcologist, also a most lively and versatile writer, and possessed of most extensive knowledge of midwifery. Without doubt, you are most thoroughly qualified for a Chair at a University.

DR. F. WINCKEL.

XXVIII.

From Dr. GUSTAV A. BRAUN, Imperial Royal Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the Joseph's Academy, Vienna.

(Translation.)

VIENNA, May, 1874.

I CERTIFY herewith that Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE, at Edinburgh, as well by his memoirs and writings in the journals, as by his greater and classic work on Obstetrics, has

enabled me to deduce his complete mastery of midwifery and gynæcology, and his certain qualifications for a Chair.

DR. GUSTAV A. BRAUN.

XXIX.

From Professor Dr. HEGAR, Professor of Midwifery and Diseases of Women in the University of Freiburg.

(Translation.)

FREIBURG, 20th June, 1874.

THE numerous works of Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE, especially his larger work, "The Principles and Practice of Midwifery, with some of the Diseases of Women," prove that he masters completely midwifery and gynæcology, as well in its scientific as in its practical relations, and that he is well adapted for a Chair of Midwifery.

DR. A HEGAR.

XXX.

From Dr. OTTO SPIEGELBERG, Royal Counsellor of Medicine; Professor of Gynæcology at the Royal University, Breslau; Hon. Fellow of the Obstetrical Society of London; Knight of the Iron Cross; Editor of the Archiv für Gynæcology, &c., &c.

(Translation.)

BRESLAU, 11th June, 1874.

FROM the knowledge which I have obtained of the works of Dr. ALEX. MILNE, I am enabled to declare, and gladly so, that Dr. MILNE is pre-eminently qualified to fill a Chair of Midwifery and Gynæcology with much credit.

DR. OTTO SPIEGELBERG.

XXXI.

From Dr. SIMON THOMAS, *Professor of Midwifery in
the University of Leyden.*

LEYDEN, *May*, 1874.

I TESTIFY willingly, from the knowledge that I possess of the obstetrical and gynæcological writings of Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE, in particular, his great work on the “Principles and Practice of Midwifery,” that he is amply equipped for occupying a Chair of Obstetrics; for adorning the same; and advancing the science and art common to us both.

A. E. SIMON THOMAS.

XXXII.

From JOHN BASSETT, Esq., M.D., *Professor of Midwifery
Queen's College, Birmingham, &c., &c.*

144 HICKLEY HILL,
BIRMINGHAM, *20th March*, 1875.

HAVING read through Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE'S work on “Midwifery and Diseases of Women,” it affords me pleasure to express the very high opinion I have formed of the work, and enables me to say that the author must not only be well acquainted with the theory and practice of his profession, but be also familiar with its extensive literature. Further, I find the work interspersed with original observations, which prove to me that the writer is capable of thinking as well as reading and writing. These are the qualifications which fit a man to become a teacher in his profession, and I doubt not Dr

MILNE would occupy any professorial Chair with great credit to himself, and advantage to those students who came under his instruction.

JOHN BASSETT.

XXXIII.

From Dr. POPPEL, *formerly Lecturer on Midwifery in the University of Munich.*

(*Translation.*)

MUNICH, *May*, 1874.

FROM the failure of certain expectations, I am now more devoted to private practice than to teaching, and therefore less able to command the time for perusing foreign literature; but your large work is the best testimony of your fitness for the office to which you aspire, and surely little else can be required to uphold your claim.

DR. POPPEL.

XXXIV.

From Professor THEOPHILUS PARVIN, *Indianapolis, Editor of "The Obstetrical Journal," and Author of numerous Memoirs on Midwifery.*

INDIANAPOLIS, U.S.,
11th *December*, 1872.

DEAR DOCTOR,—Pardon the liberty which a stranger takes in addressing you. When one has read a book which delights him, if he does not feel as if he half knew the author, he altogether feels as if he would like to know him. Now, the latter is my case. I have read your work on Midwifery, and I must express my great admiration of it. If you should feel any desire to make yourself better known to professional brethren in America, I should be happy to have a paper

from you for our Journal. Anything from you could not fail but to do us some good, while it might do yourself good.—
I remain, yours truly,

THEOPHILUS PARVIN.

XXXV.

*From FRANCIS VACHER, Esq., Medical Officer of Health ;
formerly House Physician Maternity Hospital, Edin-
burgh ; Inventor of a New Obstetric Forceps, &c., &c.*

BIRKENHEAD, 19th March, 1875.

It affords me real pleasure to add my humble testimony to that of others more competent to judge of Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE'S fitness to occupy the Chair in the Aberdeen University, for which I am given to understand he is a Candidate.

Dr. MILNE'S elaborate Treatise on Midwifery would alone entitle him to a high position, as a patient observer of Nature, a teacher, and a man of letters; while the many years of unremitting work Dr. MILNE has devoted to the advancement of obstetrics, his diagnostic tact, dexterity as an operator, extensive clinical experience, and clever practical papers, should secure for him a post where his talents and acquirements will be more fully available for the benefit of the suffering and the promotion of science.

FRANCIS VACHER.

XXXVI.

*From ROBERT DICKSON, Esq., Surgeon, &c., formerly Class
Assistant to the late Sir James Y. Simpson, Bart.*

CARNOUSTIE, March, 1875.

It affords me very great pleasure to offer you this simple testimony of my high appreciation of your medical qualifica-

tions, particularly those relating to that department of medicine to which you have given the most marked evidence of devotion—viz., Midwifery.

Your work on “The Principles and Practice of Midwifery” is a most valuable *vade-mecum* of all that is best and most useful to know concerning the subjects of which it treats. It is valuable to the student as a means of affording him the knowledge on which to heap his experience; and doubly valuable to the active practitioner, on account of the familiar yet explicit manner in which the great principles which should guide his treatment are laid down.

Your numerous memoirs on different obstetric subjects prove you to be an earnest and skilful exponent of the most advanced views and soundest lines of treatment; and it cannot be doubted that your influence has been powerful in stimulating a rising race of obstetricians to the adoption of measures much more likely to benefit suffering woman than the tardy practices inculcated by a past school of teachers.

From my personal knowledge of your mastery of language, and the impressive manner in which you convey your knowledge to others, I am convinced that, as a Teacher, you would gain and maintain the respect of your students; and that, by your enthusiastic devotion to that branch of the profession you are determined to elevate, you would uphold the reputation of any School of Medicine with which you might be connected.

ROBERT DICKSON.

XXXVII.

From GEORGE MILLER, Esq., Surgeon, Edinburgh; Fellow
of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, &c.

9 RANKEILLOR STREET,
EDINBURGH, 17th March, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the personal worth and high professional attainments and qualifications of

Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE, who, I understand, is at present a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. His knowledge of obstetric medicine, theoretical and practical, is of the highest order. He has devoted himself most zealously and effectively to this department of medicine; and by his valuable contributions to the literature of the subject, he has both advanced our knowledge and is held in the highest estimation, not only in this country, but in America and on the Continent of Europe. If appointed to the Professorship for which he is a Candidate, I have no doubt he will discharge all its duties, not only with honour to himself but with the greatest credit and advantage to the University.

GEO. MILLER.

XXXVIII.

From JAMES D. PRIDIE, Esq., *Member Royal College of Surgeons of England; Licentiate Royal College of Surgeons, Edinburgh; Member Medico-Chirurgical Society of Edinburgh; Fellow Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh, &c.*

47 SOUTH CLERK STREET,
EDINBURGH, 19th March, 1875.

I HAVE known Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE for several years, and have observed on different occasions his skill and dexterity in operative midwifery, in cases requiring great judgment and decision. It gives me much pleasure to bear testimony to his intimate knowledge and extensive experience in that department of medicine.

JAMES D. PRIDIE.

XXXIX.

From JAMES CAPPIE, Esq., M.D., Author of some Obstetrical Memoirs and Physiological Works, and Inventor of a Midwifery Forceps, &c.

47 LAURISTON PLACE,
EDINBURGH, 22nd March, 1875.

I HAVE known Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE for many years, and have much pleasure in giving testimony as to his eminent fitness to discharge the duties of a Professorship of Midwifery.

He has had extensive experience as an Accoucheur, and in cases when operative interference may be necessary, his skill and success are so well known that his assistance is frequently sought for by his professional brethren.

His contributions to obstetric literature have been numerous and valuable. The papers he has read at the Obstetrical Society of Edinburgh have always been listened to with interest. They have been characterised by thoroughness and clearness—by independent thought and good judgment—and by a wonderfully happy mode of illustration.

As the author of a Manual of Midwifery, which is most favourably spoken of by competent authorities, he has given evidence that he has carefully studied and mastered the whole circle of subjects relating to the science and practice of obstetrics.

It should also be mentioned that Dr. MILNE has gained distinction by his writings on *Materia Medica*.

JAMES CAPPIE.

XL.

From W. O. PRIESTLEY, Esq., M.D., ex-Professor of Obstetrics in King's College, London; Examiner in Midwifery in the University of London, and in the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons.

17 HERTFORD STREET, MAYFAIR,
LONDON, 21st March, 1875.

DEAR SIR,—I should have had pleasure in giving you a testimonial for the vacant Chair of Midwifery, had I not already written one for another Candidate who is an old acquaintance of mine.—Believe me, yours very truly,

W. O. PRIESTLEY.

XLI.

From J. COCHRANE, Esq., M.D., Edinburgh, Fellow of the Obstetrical Society, &c.

EDINBURGH, 22nd March, 1875.

MY DEAR SIR,—As I understand that you mean to become a Candidate for the situation of Professor of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, it affords me much pleasure to express the high opinion that I have long entertained of you as a scholar, a gentleman, and an exceedingly skilful practitioner, in all the departments of your profession, but more particularly in the department of midwifery.

Having often met you, and been assisted by you in very difficult cases of labour, all of which terminated favourably, I can well recommend you as extremely well qualified for the vacant Midwifery Professorship. Indeed, I may say, and I do so without the slightest hesitation, that I know no obstetrician

whom I can more cordially recommend as likely to fill the situation with more credit to himself, or greater satisfaction alike to both pupils and patrons of the University. With sincere wishes for your welfare, and best wishes for your success, I am, my dear sir, very faithfully yours,

J. COCHRANE.

TESTIMONIALS

IN FAVOUR OF

ALEXANDER MILNE, M.D.,

L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S. Ed.,

MEMBER OF THE GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BERLIN ; MEMBER OF THE
GYNÆCOLOGICAL SOCIETY OF BOSTON, U.S. ; SECRETARY OF THE
EDINBURGH OBSTETRICAL SOCIETY, ETC.,

CANDIDATE FOR THE

CHAIR OF MIDWIFERY

IN THE

University of Aberdeen,

1875.

SECOND SERIES.

TO THE
RIGHT HONOURABLE RICHARD ASSHETON CROSS, M.P.,

HER MAJESTY'S PRINCIPAL SECRETARY OF STATE
FOR THE HOME DEPARTMENT.

SIR,

I have the honour to submit to you some further evidences of my Obstetric qualifications and position. In my first series, I produced Testimonials from the most eminent Professors and Teachers in Great Britain and Ireland; in North and South Germany, Austria, France, Norway, and America—the list embracing the great bulk of the most eminent living Obstetricians. I now add a few more, together with a general one, signed by numerous Medical Men residing in Edinburgh and throughout the country. A large number of those Practitioners sent me separate Testimonials, but I was of opinion that it would have served no useful purpose to have multiplied these. The opinion of those gentlemen, however, I humbly think, is entitled to no little weight, from the fact of their practical obstetric experience, which, as regards many of them, has been very great. In reference to the vacant Chair at Aberdeen, I would only further add, that I seek the honourable post, not more for its intrinsic honour, than as offering me, if chosen, increased opportunity for the

cultivation of that science and art to which I have steadily devoted my attention and energies in the past, without the incentive of a reward such as the one I now aspire to.

I have the honour to remain,

SIR,

Your most obedient Servant,

ALEXANDER MILNE.

9 TEVIOT ROW,
EDINBURGH, *5th April*, 1875.

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XLII.

From R. D. TANNAHILL, Esq., M.D., Physician to the Maternity Hospital; Examiner in Midwifery to the Faculty of Physicians and Surgeons, Glasgow.

GLASGOW, 2nd April, 1875.

DEAR SIR,—I am glad to learn that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery at Aberdeen. As the author of numerous valuable contributions to the literature of obstetrics, and especially as the writer of one of the best Manuals of Midwifery in the English language—a work, in my judgment, evincing on the part of its author not only an accurate and extensive knowledge of the subject; but the power of expressing that knowledge in terse and lucid language. I am *sure* that you are well qualified for the honourable position which you covet, and I therefore wish you every success in your application.—Believe me, yours very sincerely,

R. D. TANNAHILL.

Dr. ALEX. MILNE.

XLIII.

From WILLIAM LEISHMAN, Esq., M.D., Professor of Midwifery in the University of Glasgow; Author of a Systematic Work on Midwifery, &c., &c.

156 BATH STREET,
GLASGOW, 27th March, 1875.

ALTHOUGH I have not the pleasure of Dr. MILNE's personal acquaintance, I have no doubt, from the qualities of his contributions to obstetrical science, that he is highly qualified to fill the Chair now vacant in the University of Aberdeen.

WILLIAM LEISHMAN.

XLIV.

From ALEXANDER KEILLER, Esq., M.D., Lecturer on Midwifery Surgeons' Hall, Edinburgh; Physician to the Maternity Hospital, &c., &c.

21 QUEEN STREET,
EDINBURGH, 29th March, 1875.

MY DEAR DR. MILNE,—Although I have already given a Testimonial to another Candidate for the Chair at Aberdeen, that must not prevent me from expressing the very high opinion I entertain of your qualifications. Since you were a pupil of mine, fifteen years ago, I have watched with much pleasure your onward and most successful course of writings on Obstetric Medicine and other practical subjects. From what I know of you, apart from what appears in your deservedly popular Manual of Midwifery, I am sure that your

appointment to the vacant Chair would prove in every respect satisfactory. With every good wish, believe me faithfully yours,

ALEXANDER KEILLER.

XLV.

*From JOHN BURN, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S., late President
Edinburgh Obstetrical Society.*

7 TEVIOT ROW,
EDINBURGH, 31st March, 1875.

It gives me much pleasure to state that I have known Dr. MILNE for some years as a most diligent and successful cultivator of obstetric medicine.

Dr. MILNE has published a work on the Science and Practice of Midwifery, and also many papers devoted to that subject, which have been very favourably received by his professional brethren. He expresses himself with the greatest facility, and conveys his ideas to others in a clear and concise manner. From all that I know of Dr. MILNE, I believe him to be eminently well qualified and fitted, in every respect, for the Professorship of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen.

JOHN BURN.

XLVI.

*From J. O. AFFLECK, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S. Edin., Assistant to
the Professor of Medical Jurisprudence, University of
Edinburgh.*

12 CLAREMONT PLACE,
EDINBURGH, 26th March, 1875.

I HAVE great pleasure in bearing testimony to the high qualifications of Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, now vacant.

Dr. MILNE has been long known as an able and earnest worker in the department of obstetric medicine, as well as a contributor to its literature. His numerous writings exhibit not merely extensive acquaintance with his subject, but also capacity for original thought, and honesty and independence of judgment. Dr. MILNE'S Manual of Midwifery is largely used as a text-book by students, and is a work of acknowledged merit.

From personal observation on several occasions, I can testify to his skill and dexterity in operations for the relief of various forms of uterine disease.

Dr. MILNE possesses the power of communicating information to others in a singularly lucid and attractive manner, and would thus make an excellent Teacher; while his large experience in the department of practical midwifery would enhance the value of his instructions.

Should Dr. MILNE be appointed to the vacant Chair of Obstetrics, I feel sure that he would address himself to his duties with energy; that he would continue to pursue those researches in this important branch of medical science for which his abilities and tastes peculiarly fit him; and that he would prove to be a most able and efficient Professor.

J. O. AFFLECK.

XLVII.

*From R. PEEL RITCHIE, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.P.E., Vice-President
Edinburgh Obstetrical Society; Physician to the Sick
Children's Hospital, &c.*

16 HILL STREET,
EDINBURGH, 31st March, 1875.

DR. ALEXANDER MILNE has for long pursued the study of scientific midwifery with great success. His experience has been large, and he has communicated the fruits of it in many

papers to the "Transactions of the Obstetrical Society," and the Medical Journals. He possesses the ability to teach and to express himself in clear and distinct language. He is well qualified to fill the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen. I found my opinions on the following considerations:—He is well qualified to teach theoretically, and practically to impart knowledge.

He has been long devoted to obstetrical practice, and has gained for himself no mean place as an authority. He is a fluent writer, and has contributed largely to the literature of scientific obstetric medicine; and, moreover, he is the author of a work on Midwifery, of much merit and established reputation.

R. PEEL RITCHIE.

XLVIII.

From CHARLES H. GROVES, Esq., M.D. Edin., B.A. Trin. Col.,
Dublin, &c., &c.

TRINITY, 30th March, 1875.

DR. MILNE has been long known to me as an Obstetrician whose reputation has been sustained both by an extensive practice, and by his various contributions to the literature of this branch of medical science. I have on some occasions availed myself of his valuable assistance in cases that afforded a good test of his skill in grave emergencies, and I feel confident that should he be elected to the vacant Chair at Aberdeen, he will most ably and zealously fulfil the duties of a Professor.

CHARLES H. GROVES.

XLIX.

From JAMES YOUNG, Esq., M.D., *ex-Secretary, and Treasurer of the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, &c., &c.*

14 AINSLIE PLACE, EDINBURGH,
25th March, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in bearing testimony to the eminent qualifications which Dr. ALEX. MILNE possesses for teaching midwifery.

During his connection with the Edinburgh Obstetrical Society, he has displayed great evidence of profound practical acquaintance with obstetric science, and has read numerous papers on many intricate and disputed questions. His published works speak for themselves, and have already given him a position in Edinburgh as her *Obstetrician*. I hope his present candidature will be successful; and if so, I am very sure he will carry on all the duties of the Chair in Aberdeen most efficiently, and with credit to himself. I am certain there is no one more able to follow in the steps of the late Dr. Inglis, whose premature death we all deeply lament.

JAMES YOUNG.

L.

From SOMMERVILLE OLIVER, Esq., M.D., *Edinburgh.*

EDINBURGH, 24th March, 1875.

UNDERSTANDING that Dr. MILNE is a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen—my *alma-mater*—and well knowing the zeal with which he has prosecuted that branch of medical science, and the reputation he has acquired as an Obstetric Physician, on the Continent as

well as in Britain, I feel that it would be little less than preposterous of me to do more than express my conviction that if Dr. MILNE succeed in his candidature, he will assuredly prove himself to be a Professor worthy of the title, and one by whom the University of Aberdeen certainly will not suffer in reputation. I may add that I have witnessed his operative abilities on several occasions, when I had occasion to seek his aid.

SOMMERVILLE OLIVER.

LI.

From W. MENZIES, Esq., M.D., F.R.C.S.E., *ex-Vice-President Edinburgh Obstetrical Society.*

3 LOTHIAN ROAD,
EDINBURGH, 30th March, 1875.

I DO most willingly testify as to the ability and great experience of Dr. MILNE in Practical Midwifery.

He is also the author of one of the best Obstetrical Text-Books, and is, therefore, in my opinion, highly qualified for the Chair of Midwifery in the University of Aberdeen, for which he is a Candidate.

W. MENZIES.

LII.

From JOHN ARCHIBALD, Esq., M.B.C.M., L.R.C.P., and
L.R.C.S. Edin., &c., &c.

BIGGAR, 25th March, 1875.

I HAVE much pleasure in expressing my very high opinion of Dr. ALEXANDER MILNE as an Obstetrician.

I have had many opportunities of observing his skill in

operations, and the coolness, dexterity, and tact which he uniformly displayed were admirable, inspiring confidence in those around him, and proving him a perfect master of the art; while his numerous papers on Obstetrics, and especially his work on the Principles and Practice of Midwifery, show him to be not only thoroughly conversant with the theory, but capable of enunciating it. These qualifications, combined with his well-known urbanity, convince me that, if appointed to the Professorship, he will do credit to the choice and honour to the University.

JOHN ARCHIBALD.

LIII.

*From T. J. FORDYCE MESSER, Esq., M.D., Helensburgh;
Author of Papers on Midwifery, &c.*

15 WILLIAM STREET,
HELENSBURGH, N.B., 26th March, 1875.

DEAR SIR,—I have much pleasure in adding my testimony to that of others of your fitness for the Chair of Midwifery to which you aspire. I have known you for the last ten years as a hard-working and conscientious member of the medical profession, and on more than one occasion have had your assistance in difficult cases; and can therefore testify to your knowledge, coolness, and dexterity in such circumstances. Your teaching powers were well appreciated by your students, and your works on Midwifery show your thorough knowledge of the subject.

From what I know of your past career, I have every confidence that you will be a successful Teacher, as you have hitherto been a successful Practitioner, of Obstetrics, and fill with credit a Professorial Chair. With best wishes for success, very truly yours,

T. J. FORDYCE MESSER.

LIV.

To ALEXANDER MILNE, Esq., M.D., &c., &c., Edinburgh.

WE, the undersigned, Medical Practitioners residing in Edinburgh and elsewhere, understanding that you are a Candidate for the Chair of Midwifery now vacant in the University of Aberdeen, desire to express our strong sense of your eminent fitness for the high position. Your writings on Obstetrics and Gynæcology, more particularly your standard work on *The Principles and Practice of Midwifery*, which is recommended as a Text-Book by many professors and teachers—and is, moreover, a favourite with students—prove your thorough mastery of the subject, while your extensive practical experience has been such as to qualify you in a high degree for the post to which you aspire. Some of us have consulted you in the more difficult and critical cases, and have had occasion to admire, not only your readiness in deciding as to the proper line of treatment to be adopted, but also the coolness and dexterity with which you carried that treatment out. Possessed of these qualifications, together with a great zeal in the prosecution of your specialty, a kindness of manner, and a willingness to oblige at all times, we feel the greatest confidence in recommending you strongly to the Crown; and feel assured that if elected to the important office, the interests of the Chair cannot fail to prosper in your hands.

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